

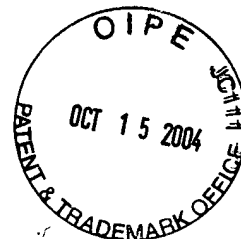
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Title: **POLYMERIC REAGENTS COMPRISING A  
KETONE OR A RELATED FUNCTIONAL GROUP**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Entry and consideration of the present Preliminary Amendment are requested prior to  
examination of the above-identified application on its merits.

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